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Coast Guard helps with Katrina Relief

A photograph of a man in a military-style uniform with a headset, smiling and being hugged by a young child. The man is wearing a tan shirt and a black headset with a microphone. The child is wearing a pink shirt and has their arms around the man's neck. They are both smiling. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with some structures.

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Coast Guard Units coordinated rescue efforts using boats like these aluminum flatbeds

Committed to making us whole again

It has been more than a month since Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, but the region continues to struggle with the devastating effects of the storm. A full recovery from Katrina will take many years and require us to expend significant resources, but our nation is committed to doing whatever it takes to make the area and its people whole again. When one part of America suffers, we all suffer, and we all want to reach out and help however we can.

In the wake of Katrina, the U.S. Armed Forces were called to assist in recovery operations. I am extremely proud of the response by our military, which has saved lives and provided assistance and comfort to the survi-

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vors. I am particularly proud of the role played by the U.S. Army Field Support Command and Joint Munitions Command in support of Joint Task Force-Katrina, the *ad hoc* organization formed to lead and coordinate military relief and recovery efforts.

Two of our installations – Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant and Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant – have been used as staging and storage areas for relief supplies and temporary housing units. The Katrina task force has also tapped our logistical expertise, and some of our employees have gone to the area to provide direct assistance. I know that other organizations based on Rock Island Arsenal have been part of this effort, and are doing outstanding work on behalf of Katrina's victims.

Our response to Hurricane Katrina – and to Hurricane Rita, which also caused extensive damage to the Gulf



Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson

Coast – proved that we are ready when we are called, and that we will do all we can to help our fellow citizens. We are here to serve our nation, and we do so selflessly, loyally and proudly, no matter what mission we are asked to perform. I thank all of you for your service, and I ask you to always remember that what you do has great value.

I'd also like to thank those of you who have reached out as individuals and made donations in cash and in kind to the private organizations assisting those impacted by the hurricane. Your generosity and compassion have already made a difference, and will continue to ease the suffering of the people of the Gulf Coast region in the weeks and months to come.

The devastating effects of the hurricanes served as a reminder that many of our fellow citizens are in need. The Combined Federal Campaign provides us with an opportunity to help meet these needs by contributing to the charitable organizations that provide a helping hand.

Integrity... walking the walk

As Soldiers and civilian patriots, we are the standard bearers of our nation – representatives of a country born out of a thirst for freedom, in revolution against tyranny, depravity, injustice and corruption. From the fiery smoke and hardship of our first battles as a newborn nation, men and women arose and answered the call to arms. They lived and died the values we hang today on pretty posters.

Those early patriots never got mandatory Army Value training. They didn't wear dog tags punched with LDRSHIP, as if the acronym alone would make those values materialize. Those values were as much a core part of them as the hearts beating in their chests. Values are not something you pick up in a classroom. You learn them by living and sometimes by dying. If you are strong in some and weak in others, it doesn't mean you're a bad person. We are all human, and flawed. But of those seven core

and in war. It is about walking the walk.

Why is that so important? Because it speaks volumes about who we really are. Anyone can get by "living up to the Army Values" from nine to five. But how many people live those same values when they go home at night? Some might say they'd have integrity when it really matters – in the thick of battle, for example. But it matters **all** the time, because everything we do has a ripple

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values, one can not be compromised. Without integrity, all else fails.

Many of you may think integrity is about being honest, not lying, always telling the truth. Honesty is important. But the Army Value of Honor covers it more directly. Integrity actually means strict adherence to the code. So it is really about living the rest of the Army Values every day. In uniform and out, in peace

effect. Some ripples may roll placidly along, completely unnoticed into the distance, but some will inevitably turn into tidal waves. Whether those tidal waves destroy human life or bring needed irrigation to dry farmlands is up to you.

Every one of you and the ripples you make every day are important. Wars aren't only won on the front lines with forced marches, .50 cal rounds and blood. They are won in hard-working factories, innovative labs, rigorous testing facilities, efficient offices and at supply points stretched around the globe. The Soldier toeing the line in Fallujah **can not** succeed unless **you** succeed. Your integrity affects his ability to



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fight, win and live.

Doubt not that the American people waiting at home can turn the tides of war half a world away. World War II proved the immeasurable value of a civilian population that answers the call. In 1939, American factories were producing just over 2,000 military aircraft a year. By 1944, they had produced 100,000 planes. American workers put 5 million small arms weapons into the hands of Allied troops. They put 5,000 tanks into battle, 40,000 supply trucks on the road and 20,000 sea-worthy vessels into Navy fleets. They worked long, hard hours. They had sweat buckets. They bled from bloodied knuckles, but stayed the course and produced more from less. Their integrity in the face of hardship got the job done.

Those millions of nameless Americans were the heroes behind the front lines. They sacrificed. They were Americans and did the job right without being told, because they knew the guys charging beaches in the Pacific and clearing cities across Europe needed the best.

So here we are. War is upon our doorstep once again. Americans are dying for democracy and freedom on foreign shores, while we watch on television. It isn't a movie. Lives are on the line. Victory is at stake. If there was ever a time to live the Army Values, every day, in every way – to live with integrity - it is now.

Hispanic Americans: Strong and colorful threads in American fabric

Sept. 15-Oct. 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month



By Charles Cervantes

Hispanic Employment Program Manager

As one of the different, colorful threads, which are woven into America's tapestry, Hispanics have become an integral part of the fabric in which this country was built.

Some scholars say that Spanish has contributed no less than 10,000 words to the English language. The cowboys of the Old West found that with a few misspellings they could acquire useful words such as a ranch (rancho), lariat (la reata), lasso (lazo) and hoosegow (juzgado). States with Spanish names and history such as California, Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada have become building blocks of this nation.

The Hispanic influence is part of everyday life in America.

Music

Consider the guitar (la guitarra). What would America sound like without it? The guitar was created in Andalusia in the 1790's when a sixth

string was added to the Moorish lute. In the 1870's Antonio Torres gave the guitar its shape and modern sound. European composers were quick to adopt it and in the U.S. it was passed from mariachis to cowhands across the border. We can not even imagine anyone singing country, folk, rock or the blues without it.

Religion

Religion is of the spirit, but its institutions are part of the Hispanic Heritage. San Ignacio Loyola and the Jesuits established Loyola University. In El Camino Real, Calif., Junipero Serra and the Franciscans founded 21 missions that are among the finest examples of Spanish colonial architecture, inspiring the American version of the arts and crafts movement known as Mission Style. The San Diego Padres are named for the Franciscan influence in the area.

Homes

Today, Southwestern and Spanish-style homes are not only a part of America's Hispanic Heritage, but are hot properties! Judging by Home and Garden TV's series, "House Hunters", the tile roofs, patios, arches and textured earth-tone walls are typically accented

with Talavera pottery, wrought-iron accessories, rich leathers, serapes and painted tiles.

Piñatas are a hit at kid's parties everywhere and can be bought on-line from traditional designs to the non-traditional non-Hispanic characters such as Spiderman or Batman.

Food and Drink

Then there is the food! Everyone pours on the salsa. On the Food Network, famous chefs are showing us how to make rotisserie lamb tacos with apricot chipotle baste, Emeril is making duck burritos and gourmet enchiladas are being served in Hollywood's Border Grill.

While we are enjoying the food, we can not forget the drinks. A chilled margarita is the main reason tequila has become the fastest growing category of distilled spirit, selling more than a million cases in the U.S. last year. Jimmy Buffet reminds us that the margarita, in his song "Margaritaville", is a state of mind, a virtual paradise, so to speak.

In short, Hispanic Heritage is not just for Hispanics anymore, it enriches the lives of all Americans and fortunately, there's plenty to go around.

** Article provided by Hispanic Magazine*

Workers with disabilities: ready for tomorrow's jobs today

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By Jan Fletcher

Disability Program Manager

The 2005 theme, "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today", was announced by Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao in June 2005.

The nation's annual observance was designed to recognize the contributions of workers with

disabilities.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month began in 1988 with the Presidential Proclamation of Public Law 100-630 (Title III, Sec 301a).

The previous law, "National Employ the Handicapped Week", was set in motion in 1945 by President Harry S. Truman's designated Committee on Employment of People with

Disabilities. It was celebrated annually during the first week in October.

This law was expanded from a week to a month to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment. It also recognized a change in terminology and replaced "handicap" with

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Dragon Fire II prototype completed by JMTC

By Shevaun J. Lassiter

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After eight years of developing a one-of-a-kind weapon, the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC), the Marine Corps and General Dynamics held a roll-out ceremony for Dragon Fire II on Sept. 1.

The 120mm rifled mortar prototype was designed by the U.S. Army Armament Research and Development Command (ARDEC) in Picatinny, N.J. The weapon was created to be an automated artillery system.

"This is leaps ahead of any artillery," said Rick Lindsey, senior engineer of the Dragon Fire II prototype project. "This is an extremely precise weapon."

Lindsey has been working on Dragon Fire since the project began almost a decade ago. Usually working from his office at the Marine Corps Fighting Laboratory in Quantico, Va., he has



Photo by Shevaun J. Lassiter
U.S. Soldier handling the controls of Dragon Fire II at the Roll-Out Ceremony

overseen the manufacturing of Dragon Fire II at RIA Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center.

Dragon Fire II is equipped with several capabilities including a global positioning system, a radio and a system that allows it to find the location of enemy fire. The rifled mortar can turn 360 degrees, fire 10 rounds per minute and be operated by as few as two men. It is also half the weight of its predecessor, Dragon

Fire.

"Dragon Fire II was designed to be a highly mobile piece of artillery. It was experimental but it has wartime potential," said Lindsey.

According to Lindsey, the skilled workers of RIA JMTC are what attracted the Marine Corps to trust them with the manufacturing of what might be the newest weapon to fight insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan. The titanium and alloy frame and structure of Dragon Fire II was created by more than 100 JMTC employees on a seven month deadline. Eight engineers from JMTC and four from Picatinny Arsenal continued to work on the weapon alongside Lindsey at JMTC.

Dragon Fire II is scheduled to be tested in October. Facilities in Yuma, Ariz. and Twentynine Palms, Calif. will be administering firing tests. If the weapon is successful and approved for use by the Armed Forces, Dragon Fire II could be manufactured by JMTC and in Iraq shortly.

Veteran opportunity site stands up

Pilot program helps vets prepare for careers in business

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The Veteran Center, a nonprofit organization, has set up a pilot project to offer more than 1,000 free, online courses in business, entrepreneurial and career skills to veterans and their families.

These courses are especially useful to those who are looking to start or expand their own businesses.

TVC was established by Congress in 1999 to prepare and equip veterans for careers in business.

You can find more information and register at www.vetranscorp.org.





Photo by Shevaun J. Lassiter

Members of the Women's Club and Arsenal Attic volunteers celebrate the 30th anniversary

Arsenal Attic celebrates 30th anniversary opening

The Arsenal Attic, a thrift and consignment boutique on Rock Island Arsenal, opened Sept. 20 celebrating its 30th anniversary. Deputy Garrison Manager John Curry presented an award to the volunteers at the Arsenal Attic and the Women's Club for their community service on the Arsenal at a small ceremony in the shop on opening day.

Arsenal Attic carries a variety of things. Everything from clothes and jewelry to books and household accents are available.

Arsenal Attic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located in the basement of Building 60 under the Arsenal Club.

Museum dinner ends 100th anniversary celebration

On Sept. 9 the museum held a dinner commemorating its 100th anniversary. Rock Island Arsenal directors, members of the historical society as well as employees and volunteers of the museum were present at the dinner. The dinner was the final event in celebrating the museum's 100th anniversary.

Local Coast Guardsman helps with Katrina relief

By Shevaun J. Lassiter
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Lt. Christopher Pisares knew he had a good chance of being deployed to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast almost two months ago.

The 31-year-old California native was stationed in Mobile, Ala. for four years before moving to Illinois. He still had friends in the area when the category four hurricane hit the southern coast of the country.

"I thought there'd be trouble, but I didn't anticipate the flooding. We all thought the levee would hold," he said.

When the levee broke, Pisares left to join more than 40 members of the Eighth District U.S. Coast Guard, who are Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team members (DART), based in St. Louis, Mo.



The U.S. Coast Guard made search and rescue efforts that helped thousands of people get to safety

DART handles search and rescue in flooded urban areas. It was created after the floods that hit the Mid-West in 1993.

The command came down to deploy a week later.

When Pisares arrived, he toured the area. Though he would be responsible for coordinating search and rescue

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"disability." President George W. Bush issued the proclamation creating National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October 2001.

"The President's New Freedom Initiative recognizes the tremendous contributions and potential of persons with disabilities and promotes greater job opportunities in high growth sectors of the economy, such as healthcare and advanced manufacturing," said Chao.

Although several regulations exist to protect the rights of Americans with disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was developed and passed in 1990 with President George H. W. Bush's signature. It represented

a promise that the nation would no longer underestimate the abilities of Americans with disabilities.

The ADA protects the disabled workforces from discrimination and mandates that all businesses make reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.

This observance allows Americans to respect the millions of people with disabilities who currently serve in the workforce, as well as those who are ready and willing to join. It also gives us the chance to reflect on past accomplishments and understand the challenges that Americans with disabilities face.

"This year's theme emphasizes that people with disabilities are a vital part of America's workforce – they are important to our country's future economic success!" stated Chao.

RIA organizations give support to BRAC impacted employees

By Shevaun J. Lassiter

Garrison Public Affairs

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Rock Island Arsenal Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) have teamed up to provide support to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) impacted employees.

The two have been working to provide college courses, training, employment assistance and counseling to employees of the four organizations impacted by the Aug. 24-26 vote by the BRAC Commission. Tank Automotive and Armament Command (TACOM) Life Cycle Management Command, Installation Management Agency (IMA) Northwest Region, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC) are all looking at relocation to places from Michigan to Texas.

"Our goal is to keep opportunities in front of employees," said Steve Hall, director of RIA CPAC.

The Beginning

Once a week, Hall, his team leader Debbie Booker, union representatives, EAP, the Garrison and the Illinois/Iowa Job Service meet to discuss possible ways to improve the services they provide and what else they can offer to the more than 1,500 civilian employees and 21 military personnel affected.

Initially, the small group decided to have an employee focus group. They knew support would be needed but they did not know what kind of help or how much would be necessary. There were employees from each of the four organizations giving

suggestions as to what they want to see and what type of things they need.

Job training and college courses were mentioned.

"We're starting to build a plan based on these responses," said Hall. "Our goal is to have something every month."

Currently, classes on how to handle relocation and stress are being offered by the EAP.

"Managing Relocation" Class

On Sept. 27, the second in a series of these courses was held in the Caisson Room. Rick Martenson, a licensed psychotherapist working with the Psychology Health Group, ran the hour and a half class.

"I came to the realization that this move is more than something you're going to do or something you have to do," said Martenson about his previous class on Sept. 13.

Martenson came to the Arsenal under the assumption that employees impacted by the BRAC were going to various parts of the country, they already knew where they were going and they knew when they would be leaving. Employees slated to move are still unsure about their organizations plans.

"Where were you when you found out about the move," asked Martenson. After a short silence, the room of three men and more than twenty women began to open up.

"We thought we were safe...We had to do some hunting...by the time we got the information, the staff already knew. They were mad at the union and management," said Marta Hawotte, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service employee.

Hawotte traveled to Washington,

D.C. and spent nine days there trying to get the decision reversed.

A majority of the IMA, TACOM and DFAS employees in the class learned about the decision from watching television or hearing it on the radio. Employees at JMTC heard the decision over a loud speaker while they were working on the floor.

"It was like total silence, time stopped and then there was total chaos, uproar," said one JMTC employee.

Support from organizations

The class allowed employees to voice their worries and concerns. Many wonder about finances, uprooting their families and what the housing market will look like when they try to sell their homes.

Classes like this one provide emotional support to employees who face relocation. It gives employees an open forum to share what they are experiencing and at the same time get tips on how to handle the additional stress that comes with the BRAC vote.

Martenson suggested meditation and relaxation. He offered free copies of two 30 minute tapes he uses to meditate and relax.

Another course is being scheduled for November.

Additional support is being provided by Army Community Services through programs already in action for civilians. A "lending closet", which allows you to borrow household items free of charge, welcome packets to the new area you may move to and classes on the unexpected financial problems with moving are offered.

Household Fire Prevention Tips



Information Provided by Home Safety Council

www.homesafetycouncil.org

- Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home
- Teach every family member to "Stop, Drop and Roll" in case their clothes catch fire
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher
- Be careful not to overload electrical outlets
- Have chimneys, fireplaces, etc. inspected and cleaned
- Use stable, non-flammable candle holders and never leave burning candles unattended
- Store matches and candles in a locked cabinet
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking
- Know how to extinguish a small pan fire by sliding a lid over the flames
- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking
- Have a fire escape plan for your house

Fire Department earns accreditation and awards

By Shevaun J. Lassiter

Garrison Public Affairs



Photo by Shevaun J. Lassiter

Fire officers and firefighters of RIA Fire Department earned an internationally recognized accreditation.

On Aug. 10, 2005, the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department joined an elite group of fire and emergency services departments when they earned an internationally recognized accreditation from the Board of Commissioners for the Commission of Fire Accreditation International.

A unanimous vote ended the more than three year process and made the RIA Fire Department the second department in the Army to be accredited.

The accreditation came after the Department of Defense made it a requirement for all fire departments under them to be accredited. Accreditation from the commission is a long and arduous task with a 10-step self assessment. Administration, training, mutual aid agreements, employees and physical resources, among other things, are reviewed.

"A lot of the fire chiefs put it off because of the time it took to do it," said Richard Reed, chief of the RIA Fire Department. "We sat down and talked and knowing that it would be a time consuming task, we did it. We assigned one person as the accreditation manager."

RIA Firefighter Jim Crozier served as the accreditation manager for the more than three years the department was working on accreditation.

After the assessment package was submitted, a team of fire officers and fire fighters reviewed the fire department. In August, Force Protection Director Tom Meyer, Chief Reed, Assistant Chief Terry McMaster and Jim Crozier went before the board and answered questions ranging from staff to equipment. During the Fire Chief Conference Awards Ceremony, the RIA Fire Department received a plaque for their accreditation. The department also won "Honorary Fire Department of the Year", "Honorary Fire Officer of the Year" and "Honorary Firefighter of the Year", which was awarded to Jim Crozier.

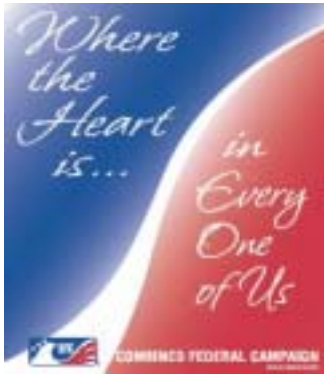
"As a result of working on the accreditation package everyone has a better understanding of the department," said Reed. "[Accreditation] means we have met some very high standards. It means what we're doing meets the standards of some of the best fire departments in the country."



Photo by Shevaun J. Lassiter

Less than 200 fire departments world wide have earned this accreditation

CFC raises money for Katrina relief effort



On Thursday, Sept. 8, the Arsenal Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) volunteers collected

\$21,878.85 installation-wide in a special Rock Island Arsenal Cares - Hurricane Katrina Relief effort.

The money has been equally distributed among the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the United Way.

The CFC held this special collection so that RIA and tenant employees could give donations immediately to the hurricane relief effort.

Now the regular, CFC campaign has begun. Employees can now donate by cash, check or through

payroll deduction to the charities of their choice. This collection takes place each fall and the money is distributed in the spring. Payroll deductions begin in the first 2006 pay period in January.

For more information, go to the local, Illowa Bi-State CFC website at www.illowacfc.org or call this year's CFC Loaned Executives: Sharon Phillips at 782-4769, Diane Wadsworth at 782-4722, Diane McAlister at 782-4738 and Mark Wilson at 782-4770.

Security Awareness Brief

The daily news reminds us of the sacrifices being made by many to preserve the freedom we all hold so dear. We can sometimes become so engrossed in our daily activities we lose focus of how important a conscious commitment to security awareness is by each and every one of us.

Your security staff is taking the month of October to promote security awareness with a goal of reenergizing your personal awareness as well as reemphsizing how critical that awareness is.

We encourage each of you to be mindful of the information to follow throughout the month in various forms to include announcements, heightened activity at the entrances to the installation and information provided on the marquee.

Thank you in advance for your participation as the security challenges we face as a nation will continue to evolve. For more information, please contact AFSC G2 at (309) 782-1529 and the Garrison at (309) 782-2871.

POW/MIA Ceremony: Never Forgotten

By Julie Bitner
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Garrison Manager Alan Wilson thanks guest speaker Harold Miller

A luncheon to observe the National POW/MIA Recognition Day was held at Rock Island Arsenal on Sept. 15.

Hosted by the Garrison, the luncheon was an opportunity to honor all former prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). The guest speaker was Harold L. "Butch" Miller, a former national commander of the American Legion and former regional veterans service organization liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In addition to senior staff, employees from all the major tenants,

mayors and congressional representatives, two former POWs were in attendance. Martin Parisot from Moline was a POW for 21 months at Stalag 17 in Germany. Gene Bleuer from Rock Island was a POW for 91 days in Pyongyang, North Korea.

In his remarks, Miller said that there are still 78,000 missing from WWII, 8,100 from the Korean War, 130 from the Cold War era and more than 2,200 from the Vietnam War. He asked that all of us pledge our support for all those missing in action and their families as the search continues.



Young and old attended the POW/MIA ceremony at RIA National Cemetery.



The Seasons are a-changing

Helpful Tips to Keep Your Family Safe

By Edwin Welch
Garrison Safety Office

As summer begins winding down and daylight hours become less and less, our activities seem to stay the same.

Almost all of us live our daily lives around the "clock" instead of what seasonal changes bring. Activities that we pursued during those long days of summer are now performed in the twilight hours of morning or evening. That early morning jog or after-dinner family bicycle ride is now started or finished in the dark!

We have to be mindful that those once visible activities we enjoyed during the longer days of summer may not be so visible now as the days grow shorter! That is why extra precautions must be taken when performing a number of activities which now requires us to increase our visibility and level of safety. For example, wearing lighter or brighter color clothing and reflective materials (such as a reflective vest) when jogging,

bicycling or walking helps to be seen by others more easily. This is not only a requirement for joggers on the Arsenal, it is a good idea anywhere when performing these activities in early morning and evening hours as the daylight hours grow shorter.

Those of you with children waiting along roadsides for their school bus or walking along busy streets may want to consider what your child is wearing to school as well. Many children's clothing manufacturers are now designing reflective materials on clothes, especially on jackets and shoes, to make them more visible.

Remember Mom & Dad, it has to be *cool* for them to wear something like that so, this may take a little convincing.

This is also a good time of year to look both your home and vehicles over to see if there are any light bulbs that need replacing or repair before the weather *really* changes! It's easier, and safer, to make light bulb changes or repairs now instead of waiting until a cold wintry day to replace a headlight, home security light or fixture!

As the days grow shorter, our vehicle lights and lights around our homes will be on a lot longer than during the past several months. It is important that they be in good working order.

No matter what we are doing, jogging, cycling, walking or driving; *visibility* on or near the road and around the home will help keep you and your family a little safer as the days grow shorter and the winter season grows near.

One final note; legislation was passed in July of this year to extend Daylight Savings time beginning in March 2007. The time change to Daylight Savings time will be on the second Sunday in March of that year and change back to Central Standard time on the first Sunday in November. This will add approximately a month more of Daylight Savings time during that year.

Since this time change is more than a year away, now would be a good time to monitor daylight hours to realize the difference in available daylight between the current and new time change dates.

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routes, he had to know what type of environment his team would be working in.

They launched their aluminum flatbed boat off the I-10/ 610 split, an elevated highway that flood waters made perfect for the launch.

"The first couple of days everything I recognized was flooded. Trees and power lines were down. A lot of things were boarded up," said Pisares.

According to Pisares the team spent those days rescuing people off of rooftops.

"It was really strange because you'd be going to rescue one person off a roof and they'd say 'No. Go get the old couple around the corner. I'll be okay,'" he explained.

Over the two week span, his team rescued more than 1,250 people.

There were times when the rescues were storytellers.

Teammates would try to stay out

for an extra 30 minutes trying to rescue more people. Once, in high heat and high humidity, parents of an eight month old baby were rescued. The baby was fine but the parents were delusional from going for so long without anything.

"I couldn't ask for more out of the team. It wasn't the best operational situation. It wasn't the best living situation. But a lot of people were able to see what we were doing," said Pisares.

CFC Workplace Olympics...

kicks off in a big way

JMTC Master Blasters take 1st place





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MEMORANDUM FOR Rock Island Arsenal Community

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Proclamation

1. Our Army is engaged globally in critical missions. The challenges are great, and I am proud to say that in our community we are meeting the critical mission assigned to us. It is my job to call attention to critical matters that can undermine our mission, and to provide you with command support. Today my guidance is on Domestic Violence.

2. Every October, we in the Rock Island Arsenal community join in the Army's Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign. This effort is one of my Garrison Manager's programs. In our own community, we see this campaign as a year-round commitment. The Family Advocacy Program is tasked to conduct the Domestic Violence Prevention campaign. I want everyone to **STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT** against domestic violence.

Soldiers and civilians do not put up with domestic violence

Take action and report
Accept no excuses
Never ignore the signs of abuse
Develop a strong community response
Uphold the rights of victims

3. Whenever and wherever domestic violence occurs, it undermines our mission. Therefore, I call upon everyone in the Rock Island Arsenal community to take a stand against domestic violence, and to join in our year-round mission of prevention. **Participate in prevention-do not be a bystander.**

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